



## Remembering Junny

*"The world is a dangerous place to live, not because of the people who are evil, but because of the people who don't do anything about it." [Albert Einstein]*

On Saturday, November 21, 2009 there was a celebration in Cocoa, Florida. A celebration of remembrance for a local boy whose life has been taken on an April day in 1991. The park was named after the child, Junny Rios Martinez Park

Junny Rios-Martinez, Jr, 11, was abducted, raped and murdered by Mark Schwab in April 1991, a convicted child rapist, who had been released from prison (early) some 6 weeks before. Schwab was subsequently executed for the offense on July 1, 2008, 17 months and three months later. The case led to the passage of the Junny Rios-Martinez, Jr., Act of 1992, which prohibited those convicted of sexual battery from receiving early release in the state of Florida. A link to the case file is at the end of the article.

Much time has passed since Junny played in this park where he played a child It was festive day, the park brimmed with boisterous children; singing, dancing, playing. The

sheriff's office was present along with their K-9's. Children were fingerprinted and photographed free. Food and drinks were a plenty.

At noon Kevin Gillick who's organization Protect Our Children Inc., organized the annual event spoke. He spoke with the caring of watch-dog tending his sheep. Indeed his attentive audiences were the innocent faces of children, their parents hovering in the background. He spoke of the importance of vigilance in taking care of children. He spoke of a disturbing trend of the photographing child as a models in swimsuits, which are sold worldwide on DVDs. He spoke with the passion of a man who knows the enemy well and who has been chasing that enemy for a long time.

Junny's parents, Vicki and Junny Sr., presided, both well known by everyone. Time may have dulled the pain of their loss but it is still present. Pictures of their son were placed on a table in the center of the event depicting a handsome child full of the joys of life. A boy and his kite.

I spoke to Kevin and Mark Wigley, both board members of POC. They know in the intricacies of tracking child molesters the way a hunter knows his quarry. The group prints and distributes a publication – the Guardian Brevard four times a year – in which they list the names and addresses of all the registered sexual offenders in Brevard County. This is a service that other countries around the country should take note of – it's effective use of public information. They attend trials of sexual offenders to let them know that there are people outside the courtroom watching them. This is an effect form of victim support – a tangible demonstration that someone outside of the courtroom cares about them. This group is unique – brave - members of society who take on a distasteful task not because they want to but because it has to be done.

Molesters, predators – call them what you want – lack conscience and respond only to discomfort. POC provides that discomfort in a subtle but direct and effective way. This group takes responsibility for their community and polices it accordingly, in cooperation with the sheriffs department, to keep people aware of the location and actions of registered sex offenders.

One Child International Inc./Child AbuseWatch was honored to attend this year's event where our CEO Evin Daly was presented with the 2009 Junny award on behalf of the group. It was awarded to reflect the campaign that Child AbuseWatch instituted against Hewlett Packard's use of a song by UK's Gary Glitter for their 'Touch' campaign of 2008. Glitter is a convicted child sexual rapist in the UK and was jailed in Vietnam for raping two children. His song, "do you wanna touch," performed by Joan Jett would have earned him a substantial royalty from HP. HP did not respond to Daly's or Child AbuseWatch's request to pull the ad track and the protest went international with a call for an international boycott picked up by over 300 media outlets world wide. A week later HP pulled the multimillion dollar campaign.

To learn more about how Protect Our Children's model can work in your community please contact Kevin Gillick at [protect1@netzero.net](mailto:protect1@netzero.net). He will provide you with a turn key model on how to do this in your town or community. The group's website address is: <http://uspoc.org/>

Florida executes man for 1991 rape, murder of child  
<http://www.fadp.org/news/20080703006/>

Junny's Story – Court docs (pdf)  
<http://www.ca11.uscourts.gov/opinions/ops/200514253.pdf>